

# SOBRIETY VARIETY PAGES

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## Step Seven

Humbly  
asked Him to  
remove our  
shortcomings.

## “Humility of Sponsorship”

Five years ago and some change, I sat newly sober with my sponsor and he indicated we would meet once a week and I could and should call him frequently. Upon my agreement, we then dove head-long into step one and with great shame and fear I described in honest detail all of my tales of debauchery and defilement that summed up my powerlessness and unmanageable life. At the end of our session with a great glow of authentic gratitude, my sponsor thanked me for meeting with him and added how inspired he was from our time together.

No one had ever been so warmly enthusiastic about meeting with me let alone acquire any inspiration; surely he was just being over enthusiastically polite or just trying to boost my weary spirits. I accepted his appreciation, but really did not believe he derived anything of substance in meeting with me.

After each and every one of our sponsor/sponsee meetings he thanked me profusely and affectionately. After being around AA for a few months I began to experience the warmth and love and began to believe he was getting something out of our meetings, but it could be nothing like the lifesaving experiences I was realizing. I had no idea!

At about two years of sobriety



I began to get my first sponsees and like Wilson, none of them stayed sober for long and I would confer with my sponsor of these failures and he immediately proclaim success and ask whether I drank.

Over the past three years I have had some 20 or so sponsees and some of the guys are staying sober and I have received more than I could have ever imagined! Learning that I am merely a trusted servant, it is my good pleasure to give without expectation of repayment, appreciation, or even recognition. If I avail myself humbly to these men and open up my past as the path to my present, hope lights their eyes. When I openly reveal all the dark places of my past without reservation great bonds of trust are forged. I find that I lose myself in what I suppose I would call being a channel of His message and am astonished at what comes out of my mouth. We both needed to hear these very things as my understanding of

the process grows, and the nature of the Source becomes increasingly apparent. As we take each step our imaginations become fired and the passion grows—we become capable to bring to bear His strength that we make another day free from alcohol and its torment.

Above all, I get to see right before my very eyes the hand of our Maker take these men and transform them. I once had a belief that kept me sober, but now I have a knowing that His grace and love are as sure as the breath from my lips. And the power – I have seen the lifeless stares of the bewildered transformed into warm smiles and eager feet in search to give away what has been given them.

I cannot thank these men enough for giving me the great honor to help and thus, my entire state of spiritual being has been wiped and created anew, as real as a pinch to the arm. Grateful, yes, life saving for me—you better believe it!

D.A.

# **BRADY AA'S 62<sup>nd</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**\*\*\* "Thy Will Be Done." \*\*\***

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**AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

**1303 NORTH WALNUT STREET AT THE HEART OF TEXAS HOPE HOUSE (325)597-3725**

**♥FRIDAY AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009♥**

6:00PM REGISTRATION & Hospitality Room Opens

7:30PM History of Alcoholics Anonymous in McCulloch County

8:00PM AA SPEAKER \*\*\*\*\*JIMMY D.\*\*\*\*\* from Dallas, Texas

9:30PM NITE-OWL MEETING will be hosted by Members of

**The Menard AA Group Menard, Texas**

**♥SATURDAY AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009♥**

8:00AM REGISTRATION & Hospitality Room Opens

10:30AM AA SPEAKER \*\*\*\*\*TRACI M.\*\*\*\*\* from Keller, Texas

11:45AM ALANON SPEAKER \*\*\*\*\*DEBBIE G.\*\*\*\*\* from Brownwood, Texas

1:00 PM Lunch Provided by Brady AA Group (Donations Accepted)

2:00PM ~ 5:00PM Horseshoe & Washer Pitchin' Contests

6:00PM Dinner on Your Own or Sandwiches in Hospitality Room

7:00PM Final Raffle Giveaways & Trophy Presentations for Pitchin' Contests

8:00PM AA SPEAKER \*\*\*\*\*WILLARD M.\*\*\*\*\* from Devine, Texas

**♥ Raffle Drawings throughout Weekend ♥ Hospitality Room Open All Day on Both Days ♥**

**♥ Tons of Fun & Fellowship ♥ Archives Room Open ♥ Homemade Ice-Cream & Desserts ♥**

**♥ Registration is Free ♥ 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Contributions Accepted not Required ♥**

## ***Tradition Seven***

The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their won members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

## June Volunteers

## Thank You!

**Office:**

Blair/Maggie, Scott W.,  
 Rachel Z., Cullen L.,  
 Billy c., Marty C.,  
 Kevin B., Keli D.,  
 Nancy K., Norma A.,  
 Morna N., Allison A.,  
 Eileen B., Ted J.,  
 Dennis "Pete" P.,  
 Stephanie, Jason M.,  
 Kathleen G., Desiree,  
 Deborah K., Kecia J.,  
 Jim H.

**Hotline:**

Katherine H., Cullen L.,  
 Dennis "Pete" P., Siiri W.,  
 Nancy K., Patty T., Karen M.,  
 Laney H., Mary T., Karin S.,  
 Jesse J., Kelly Q., Dave E.,  
 Nancy N., Drew W., Deb J.,  
 Tommy V., Ruben G., Pam R.,  
 Erick A., Bob L., Jerrt T., Paul  
 B., Tom K., Amy M.. Gordon  
 K., Glenn S., Nick van B.,  
 Shabd K., Dennis/Deanie L.,  
 Morna N., Robert C., Erick  
 H., Russell B., Trina F.

## Concept Seven

The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

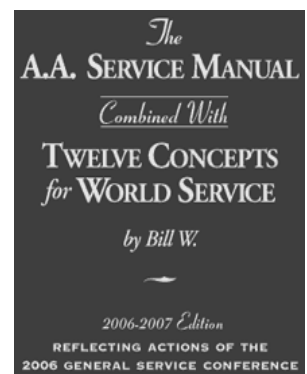
## June Donations from Groups

## Thank You!

Allandale - \$211  
 Pennsylvania - \$50  
 Hope Group (Cedar Park) - \$425  
 Sunshine Group (Georgetown) - \$186  
 Buchanan Brown Bag - \$25  
 Bridge to Shore - \$100  
 North Austin 24 - \$50  
 Elgin - \$10  
 Liars Club North - \$188  
 Started in Service - \$11  
 Spiritual Awakening - \$75  
 Suburban - \$10  
 Nada Glum Lot - \$100  
 Dry Creek - \$100  
 Bouldin - \$78  
 Lighthouse - \$100

Phelan Rd. - \$10  
 Northland - \$1,010  
 Into Action (Lockhart) - \$20  
 Lakeway Emmaus - \$236  
 Primary Purpose - \$900  
 Lawyers (defunct) - \$880  
 Austin City Wide Group - \$150  
 Four Points - \$100  
 Lake Travis Serenity - \$250  
 1313 - \$261  
 Liars Club South - \$101  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance (Buda) - \$66  
 Central - \$60  
 Desire to Stop - \$187

**Total \$ 5950**



HILL COUNTRY  
INTERGROUP

*If you want to drink,  
that's your business.  
If you want to stop  
And can't  
that's our business.*



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## Attention AA Members !

### Join the Hill Country Intergroup's BIRTHDAY CLUB !

Bring in a suggested donation of  
\$1 *or more* per year of sobriety to:

HCI, 1825 Fortview Rd. #104, Austin, TX 78704

HCI will acknowledge you as a member of our **BIRTHDAY CLUB** by sending you an **ID Card** and by listing your name (1<sup>st</sup> name, last initial)

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**Denise M. - Simply AA - 5 yrs. (05-11-04)**

**Rodney - Simply AA - 1 yr. (05-05-08)**

